Parent STAR Tutoring Program

Suggested List of Books for Parents to Read Aloud to Their Child

"Few children learn to love books by themselves. Someone has to lure them into the wonderful world of the written word; someone has to show them the way." - Orville Prescott

Key: K Kindergarten

- 1 First Grade
- 2 Second Grade
- 3 Third Grade
- * Appropriate for more than one grade level.
- 2 A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond.
- * A Bear for Miguel by Elaine Marie Aphin
- 2 A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
- 2 A Country Far Away by Nigel Gray
- * A Mother for Choco by Keiko Kasza
- * A Pill Bug's Life by John Himmelman
- 2 A Toad for Tuesday by Russell E. Erickson
- * Abe Lincoln's Hat by Martha Brenner
- 2 Abuela by Arthur Dorros
- 3 Abuela's Weave by Omar S. Castanada
- * Adventures of Old Mr. Toad, The by Thornton Burgess
- $2\,$ Adventures of Spider, The $\,$ by Joyce Cooper Arkhurst
- 1 Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
- * Allison by Allen Say
- 2 Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- 3 Amazing Spiders by Alexandra Parsons
- * Amelia Bedalia (series) by Peggy Parish
- 2 Amelia's Road by Linda Jacobs Altman
- 1 Amos & Boris by William Steig
- 2 An Octopus is Amazing by Patricia Lauber
- 1 Anansi and Moss-Covered Rock by Eric A. Kimmel
- 2 Animal Fact/Animal Fable by Seymour Simon
- K Anabelle Swift, Kindergartner by Amy Schwartz
- 3 Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles
- * Anno's Journey by Mitsumasa Anno
- * Around the World: Who's Been Here by Lindsay Barret

- 1 Arthur (series) by Marc Brown
- 3 Arthur, for the Very First Time by Patricia MacLachlan
- 2 Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One by Kate Duke
- * Baby Whale's Journey by Jonathon London
- * Baseball in the Barrio by Henry Horenstein
- 1 Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
- 1 Beatrice Doesn't Want To by Laura Numeroff
- 1 **Benjamin** by Anne Matheson
- 1 Bertie was a Watchdog by Rick Walton
- 2 Borreguita and the Coyote by Verna Aardema
- 1 Bread and Jam for Frances by Russell Hoban
- K Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.
- 2 Caboose Who Got Loose, The by Bill Peet
- 2 Cam Jansen (series) by David Adler
- * Candy Corn: Poems by James Stevenson
- 1 Caps for Sale by Esphyr Siobodkina
- K Carrot Seed, The by Ruth Kraus
- K Cat in the Hat, The by Dr. Seuss
- 3 Charlott'es Web by E.B. White
- * Chewy Louie by Howie Schneider
- K Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin & John Archambault
- 1 Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak
- 3 Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco
- 1 Chickens Aren't the Only Ones by Ruth Heller
- * Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson
- 1 City Kids by Lorraine Wilson
- 3 Class Clown by Johanna Hurwitz
- 1 Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin
- 1 Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett
- 3 Comeback Dog, The by Jane Resh Thomas
- K Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward
- 1 **Corduroy** by Don Freeman
- * Corn is Maize: The Gift of the Indians by Aliki
- 2 Courage of Sarah Noble, The by Alice Dalgliesh
- 3 **Crow Boy** by Taro Yashima
- * Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey
- 3 Danny and the Champion of the World by Ronald Dahl
- 2 Day of Ahmed's Secret, The by Florence Parry Heide

- 1 Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
- * Digging Up Dinosaurs by Aliki
- 1 **Dinosaurs**, **Dinosaurs** by Byron Barton
- 3 Discovery of the America's, The by Betsy Maestro
- * Do Animals Dream? by Joyce Pope
- 2 **Do Not Open** by Brinton Turkle
- * Don't Need Friends by Carolyn Crimi
- 1 **Doorbell Rang, The** by Pat Huntchins
- 2 **Dr. De Soto** by William Steig
- 1 **Dr. Pompo's Nose** by Saxton Freymann
- * Dragons are Singing Tonight, The by Jack Prelutsky
- 1 **Duke Ellington** by Brian Pinkney

K Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

- 3 Earthworms by Keith Pigdon
- 1 Eating Fractions by Bruce McMillan
- 1 Elves and the Shoemaker by Jim LaMarche
- * Emperor's Egg, The by Martin Jenkins
- * Every Time I Climb a Tree by David McCord
- 2 Fanny's Dream by Caralyn Buehne
- K Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell
- K Feathers for Lunch by Lois Ehlert
- K Fossie and the Fox by Patricia McKissack
- 1 **Flying** by Donald Crews
- 3 Fortune-Teller, The by Lloyd Alexander
- 3 Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
- K Freight Train by Donald Crews
- 2 Friday Night is Papa Night by Ruth A Sonneborn
- 3 **Frindle** by Andre Clements
- 2 Frisby by Michael Chesworth
- 1 Frog and Toad are Friends (Series) by Arnold Lobel
- 2 Galimoto by Karen Lynn Williams
- 2 George Washington's Teeth by Deborah Chandra
- 1 George and Martha by James Marshall
- K Gingerbread Boy, The by Paul Galdone
- K Gingerbread Man, The by Jim Aylesworth
- 2 Giving Tree, The by Shel Silverstein
- * Glorious Flight Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot by Alice Provenson
- * Golden Goose, The by Wilheim & Jacob Grimm
- K Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Jan Brett
- * Goldilocks Returns by Lisa Campbell Ernst

- 1 Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- 2 Gooney Bird and the Room Mother by Lois Lowry
- * Gorilla Walk by Ted & Betsy Lewin
- * Grandfather Tang's Story by Ann Tompert
- 2 **Grandfather's Journey** by Allen Say
- K Great Big Enormous Turnip, The by Leo Tolstoy
- 2 Great Kapok Tree, The by Lynne Cherry
- 3 Great White Man-Eating Shark by Margaret Mahy
- K Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
- 3 Halmoni and the Picnic by Sook Nyul Choi
- 1 Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
- 1 Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox
- * Have You Seen Bugs by Joanne F. Oppenheim
- * Hello, Fish! Visiting the Coral Reef by Sylvia Earle
- 1 Hello, House! by Linda Hayward
- 1 Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
- * Honest Abe by Edith Kunhardt
- 2 Honey I love: And Other Poems by Eloise Greenfield
- 1 Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester
- 1 How Big is a Foot? by Rolf Myllar
- 2 How Much is a Million? by David M. Schwartz
- 2 How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman
- * How Tall, How Short, How Far Away? by David Adler
- 2 How the Leopard Got His Spots by Rudyard Kipling
- 3 I Hate English by Ellen Levine
- 1 I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Glen Rounds
- 1 I Need a Lunch Box by Jeanette Caines
- 2 I Want a Dog by Dayal Kaur Khaisa
- K I Went Walking by Sue Williams
- 3 I'll Meet You at the Cucumbers by Lilian Moore
- * If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks by Faith Ringgold
- * If Only I Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong by Leonard Jenkins
- K If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- 1 In a Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming
- 1 Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber
- K Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
- K It Begins with an A by Stephanie Caimenson
- K It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw

1 Jamaicas Find by Juanita Havil

- K Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton
- 1 Kissing Hand, The by Audrey Penn
- 3 Knots on a Counting Rope by Bill Martin, Jr.
- 3 Koko's Kitten by Francine Patterson
- * Library Lil by Suzanne Williams
- 1 Lily's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- * Lionel in the Fall by Stephen Krensky
- 1 Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik
- 1 Little Engine That Could, The by Watty Piper
- 2 Little Painter of Sabana Grande, The by Patricia Maloney Markun
- 1 Little Red Hen, The by Paul Galdone
- 1 Little Red-Riding Hood by Trina Schart Hydemen
- 3 Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China by Ed Young
- 1 Lyle, Lyle Crocodile by Bernard Waber
- 2 Magic School Bus, The (series) by Joana Cole
- 1 Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- K Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara Joosse
- 2 Mary Marony and the Snake by Blanche Sims
- * Math Counts (series) by Henry Pluckrose
- * Max Found Two Sticks by Brian Pinkeye
- * Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag
- 1 Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle
- * Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman by Alan Schroeder
- 3 Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully
- K Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
- 3 **Miss Rumphus** by Barbara Cooney
- 1 Mitten, The by Jan Brett
- 3 Molly's Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen
- 2 Monarch Butterfly by Gail Gibbons
- * Moosetache by Margie Palatini
- 2 More Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron
- 2 Mouse and the Motorcycle, The by Beverly Cleary
- 1 Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog by Cynthia Rylant
- 2 Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty Bard MacDonald
- 3 Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
- 1 My Best Friend by Pat Hutching

- * My Little Sister Ate One Hare by Bill Grossman
- K Napping House, The by Audrey Wood
- 3 Nathaniel Talking by Eloise Greenfiel
- 3 Nettie's Trip South by Ann Turner
- * New Kid on the Block, The by Jack Prelutsky
- K New Shoes for Silvia by Johanna Hurwitz
- * Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie dePaola
- 1 Olivia by J.P. Falconer
- * On Tumble Down Hill by T.M. Wynne-Jones
- * Once a Wolf by Stephen Swineburne
- 1 **One of Three** by Angela Johnson
- * Outside and Inside Kangaroos by Sandra Markle
- K Owen by Kevin Henkes
- 2 **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen
- 2 Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall
- 3 Parts by Tedd Arnold
- 2 Patchwork Quilt, The by Valerie Flournoy
- 3 Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg
- 2 **Pecos Bill** by Steven Kellogg
- 1 Pierre by Maurice Sendak
- 3 **Poem Stew** by William Cole, ed
- 1 **Polar Express. The** by Chris Van Allsburg
- K Purple, Green, and Yellow by Robert Munsch
- 2 Rabbit's Judgement by Suzanne Crowder Han
- 3 Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary
- 3 Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
- * Random House of Book of Poetry for Children, The by Jack Prelutsky, ed
- 3 Raven, A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest by Gerald McDermott
- K Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky
- K **Red Dancing Shoes** by Denise Lewis Patrick
- K Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
- K Salamander Room, The by Anne Mazer
- * Sam and the Tigers by Julius Lester
- 3 Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- * Selkie Girl, The by Susan Cooper
- K Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young

- * Sharks by Gail Gibbons
- K Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
- 1 Shoes from Grandpa by Mem Fox
- 3 Skirt, The by Gary Soto
- 2 Smallest Cow in the World, The by Katherine Paterson
- 1 Snowman at Night by Caralyn Buehener
- 1 Snowy Day, The by Katherine Paterson
- * Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi
- 3 Stone Fox by John R. Gardiner
- 1 **Stone Soup** by Ann McGovern
- 2 Stories Julian Tells, The by Ann Cameron
- * Story of Johnny Appleseed, The by Aliki
- 1 **Story of Jumping Mouse, The** by John Steptoe
- 2 Stuart Little: by E.B. White
- * Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
- 1 Tale of Peter Rabbit, The by Beatrix Potter
- 3 Tales of Uncle Remus, The: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit by Julius Lester
- 2 Talking Eggs, The by Robert D. San Souci
- * Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold
- 1 Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews
- * There's a Zoo in Room 22 by Judy Sierra
- 1 There's an Alligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer
- K Three Bears, The by Paul Galdone
- K Three Billy Goats Gruff by Peter Christen Asbjrnsen
- 1 Three by the Sea by Edward Marshall
- K Three Little Pigs, The by Steven Kellogg
- 3 7 X 9 = Trouble by Claudia Mills
- $2\;\; \textbf{Three Wishes}$ by Lucille Clifton
- K Titch by Pat Hutchins
- 1 **Tom** by Tomie dePaola
- 2 Tommy at the Grocery Store by Bill Grossman
- 2 **Too Many Tamales** by Gary Soto
- * Tornadoes by Seymour Simon
- 1 **Ugly Duckling, The** by Hans Christian Andersen
- 1 **Umbrella, The** by Jan Brett
- 3 **Uncle Jed's Barbershop** by Margaree King Mitchell
- 3 **Unwitting Wisdom: an Anthology of Aesop's Fables** by Helen Ward

K Very Hungry Caterpillar, The by Eric Carle

- * Village of Round and Square Houses, The by Ann Grifalconi
- 2 **Wagon Wheels** by Barbara Brenner
- K We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
- 3 What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Jean Fritz
- K Wheels on the Bus, The by Paul Zelinsky
- K When Jeremiah Found Mrs. Ming by Sharon Jennings
- * When the Snow Lay Soft on the Mountain by Patricia Hermes
- 2 Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker
- K Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- K Who Said Red? by Mary Serfozo
- 1 Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears by Verna Aardema
- 3 Wild Weather: Tornadoes by Lorraine Jean Hopping
- 1 Wiley and the Hairy Man by Molly Bang
- * Wind Says Good Night by Katy Rydell
- 1 Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
- 2 Wump World by Bill Peet
- 3 Year of the Panda, The by Miriam Schlein
- K Yo! Yes? by Chris Raschka
- * You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by John Ciardi

Note: Books generally align with Utah family values.